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The LORD is good to those who wait for Him, to the soul who seeks Him.
Lamentations 3:25 (NKJV)

Thought for today...

Followers of Christ often speak of waiting for Christ to return. When I first became a Christian, I presumed that this period of waiting was a passive act, and believed that once I had accepted Christ as my saviour, my ticket to heaven was secure and broadly speaking, all that I had to do was concentrate on keeping the Ten Commandments!

One dictionary definition describes waiting as: ► to stay in one place and anticipate or expect something, ► to delay acting, hold back, hold off.

However, the same definition also describes waiting as: ► to serve as a waiter or waitress in a restaurant.



Certainly, serving as a waiter or waitress is anything but a passive activity, and anyone engaged in this capacity would quickly find themselves unemployed were they to 'stay in one place' and 'to delay acting'.

In the following scenario, which best describes how you wait - do you stand and watch the kettle as it boils, or do you reach for your cup and teabag, the sugar, jar of coffee and biscuits (OK, so maybe not the biscuits) in anticipation of the kettle reaching boiling point?

Are we about our Father's business as we await His return? Are we investing the resources that He has given us - our time, finances, gifts, talents, skills and abilities - to spread the gospel, encourage, love, care and sew into the lives of others? Jesus set the perfect example for us when He said **“I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work.”** John 9:4 (NKJV).

At times we may struggle to know what God wants us to do, and rather than make a misstep, we decide to do nothing at all. God has uniquely created each of us, equipping us with different resources, which He intends for us to use to build His kingdom while we await His return.

Ecclesiastes 9:10 reminds us: **'Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might; for there is no work or device or knowledge or wisdom in the grave where you are going.'** (New King James Version).

So, how will you decide to wait; will you 'delay acting' and 'hold off', or will your waiting resemble that of a waiter or waitress, as you choose to actively serve others with the resources that you have in your hand?



Jesus made the best use of the short time that He had on the earth, fulfilling the will of His Father; will He find you doing the same?